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Police

Conversion of the Pollachi police station into an outpost.

*1577 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the main police station at Pollachi has been converted into an outpost;

(b) if so, when, and why;

(c) the number of crimes in the area during the three years preceding the change and the number of crimes in the area during the year or years subsequent to this change;

(d) whether representations have been made by the public of Pollachi to the authorities regarding the increase of crime and risk and danger to the person and property of the people of the locality; and

(e) whether the Government propose to take any and, if so, what action in the direction of ensuring safety to the person and property of the people of Pollachi?

A.—There are two police stations in Pollachi—the Town station and the Taluk station; neither of these has been converted into an outpost.

Alleged arrest of one Nallavadu for attempting to commit suicide.

*1578 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 18th October 1928, the Mylapore police arrested one Nallavadu for attempting to commit suicide on 7th October 1928 at the Mylapore police station;

(b) what the offence was for which this man was kept in police custody;

(c) whether it is a fact that he was not convicted by the magistrate, but was only given an admonition under section 562, Criminal Procedure Code;

(d) whether any remarks were passed against the police by the trying magistrate, and what they are;

(e) whether the Government or the Commissioner of Police made any enquiries on the allegations made by the accused and the remarks passed by the magistrate; and

(f) if so, with what result?

A.—(a) to (f) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Alleged accosting of Mr. Srinivasa Varada Ayyangar by the police at Madura.

*1579 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on 24th December 1928, Mr. Srinivasa Varada Ayyangar was accosted at Madura by two persons belonging to the C.I.D.;

(b) whether it is a fact that he was told by them that they have been ordered to 'shadow' him;

(c) whether he was threatened that they would make a report that he had stolen some things belonging to the Government;

(d) whether he was told that he would be thereafter watched by them in the guise of beggars and sanyasis; and

(e) whether the Government propose to take any action to prevent such incidents in the future, and if not, why not?

A.—The answer to questions (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) is in the negative.

(*e*) The Government do not see that any action is called for.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know, if it is not the C.I.D., whether the Government instructed the ordinary police at least to shadow this gentleman ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " No, Sir."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether the Government ordered the ordinary police to shadow political workers either in Madura or other districts ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " No, Sir."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I ask whether the Government are aware that police shadowing is going on briskly even against hon. Members of this House when they are in Madras ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether there is no system of shadowing at all ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am not aware of it".

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if the hon. Home Member is sure that he is free from such shadowing ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have no information." (Laughter)

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" If any hon. Members of this Council do feel or have got substantial facts in their hands to show that they are being shadowed while they come to Madras, it would be a matter affecting the privileges of the Members of the House, and they may bring it to the notice of the House at a suitable occasion after having talked on the subject with the President."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased to make enquiries whether in districts political workers are being shadowed and see that such a thing does not happen ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" If any substantial facts are brought to my notice I will make enquiries."

Revision of the rules governing subscriptions for Police sports.

* 1580 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the rules governing the collection and expenditure of subscriptions from the public in aid of the District Police sports have been revised ?